

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1053  
By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Brett Koerten, 2004  
Valedictorian of Sevier County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Brett Koerten is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Koerten has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Brett has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, lending his support and leadership to numerous organizations, Mr. Koerten participates in several extracurricular and community activities, including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Young Life, and he has served astutely as Beta Club President; and

WHEREAS, Brett's accomplishments and promise have been evident during his high school tenure, and he has received numerous local, regional, and national awards, including inclusion in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and selection as a High School Scholastic All-American; and

WHEREAS, a talented athlete, Brett has been a powerhouse on the national swimming scene; participating in Varsity Swimming and the Pilot Aquatic Club in Sevierville, he earned State Championships in the 100-yard Breaststroke and 200-yard Individual Medley; Brett was

also named a High School All-American in Swimming and a USA Swimming Scholastic All-American; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Koerten's display of intellectual aptitude, athletic prowess, and ambition surely bodes well for future success, which includes plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison on an athletic scholarship for swimming; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Koerten's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Jim and Karen Koerten, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Brett Koerten's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Sevier County High School Valedictorian, Brett Koerten, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.